

of pay-for-performance systems in the federal government, after receiving testimony from Linda M. Springer, Director, Office of Personnel Management; Richard A. Spires, Deputy Commissioner, Operations Support, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; Gale Rossides, Deputy Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Ronald P. Sanders, Associate Director, Human Capital, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Bradley Bunn, Program Executive Officer, National Security Personnel System, Department of Defense; J. Christopher Mihm, Managing Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; Carol A.

Bonosaro, Senior Executives Association, John Gage, American Federation of Government Employees (AFL-CIO), Colleen M. Kelley, National Treasury Employees Union, and Jonathan D. Breul, IBM Center for The Business of Government, all of Washington, D.C.; and Charles H. Fay, Rutgers University School of Management and Labor Relations, Piscataway, New Jersey.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 15 public bills, H.R. 6559–6573; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 393–394; and H. Res. 1360–1361, 1364–1365 were introduced. **Pages H6824–25**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H6825–26**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 5531, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to clarify criteria for certification relating to advanced spectroscopic portal monitors, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–764);

H.R. 5949, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to address certain discharges incidental to the normal operation of a recreational vessel (H. Rept. 110–765);

H. Res. 1362, providing for the consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 5501) to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to provide assistance to foreign countries to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 110–766);

H. Res. 1363, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendments to the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 3221) to provide needed housing reform and for other purposes (H. Rept. 110–767). **Pages H6815, H6823–24**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative McCollum to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H6735**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:38 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H6736**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Act of 2008:* S. 2565, to establish an awards mechanism to honor exceptional acts of bravery in the line of duty by Federal, State, and Local law enforcement officers—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H6736–40**

*Vessel Hull Design Protection Amendments of 2008:* H.R. 6531, to amend chapter 13 of title 17, United States Code (relating to the vessel hull design protection), to clarify the definitions of a hull and a deck; **Pages H6740–41**

*Congratulating Ensign DeCarol Davis upon serving as the valedictorian of the Coast Guard Academy's class of 2008 and becoming the first African American female to earn this honor:* H. Res. 1241, amended, to congratulate Ensign DeCarol Davis upon serving as the valedictorian of the Coast Guard Academy's class of 2008 and becoming the first African American female to earn this honor; **Pages H6742–44**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Congratulating Ensign DeCarol Davis upon her serving as the valedictorian of the Coast Guard Academy's class of 2008 and becoming the first African American to earn this honor, and encouraging the Coast Guard Academy to seek and enroll diverse candidates in the cadet corps." **Page H6744**

*Aviation Safety Enhancement Act of 2008:* H.R. 6493, amended, to amend title 49, United States Code, to enhance aviation safety, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 392 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 512; **Pages H6744–49, H6793**

*Clean Boating Act of 2008:* S. 2766, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to address

certain discharges incidental to the normal operation of a recreational vessel clearing the measure for the President;  
**Pages H6749–52**

*Clarifying the circumstances during which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and applicable States may require permits for discharges from certain vessels, and requiring the Administrator to conduct a study of discharges incidental to the normal operation of vessels:* S. 3298, to clarify the circumstances during which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and applicable States may require permits for discharges from certain vessels, and to require the Administrator to conduct a study of discharges incidental to the normal operation of vessels—clearing the measure for the President;  
**Pages H6752–56**

*Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008:* S. 294, amended, to reauthorize Amtrak;  
**Pages H6756–73**

*Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and congratulating the men and women who provide exceptional service to our military and keep our Pacific Fleet “fit to fight”:* H. Res. 1139, to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and to congratulate the men and women who provide exceptional service to our military and keep our Pacific Fleet “fit to fight”;  
**Pages H6773–75**

*Money Service Business Act of 2008:* H.R. 4049, amended, to amend section 5318 of title 31, United States Code, to eliminate regulatory burdens imposed on insured depository institutions and money services businesses and enhance the availability of transaction accounts at depository institutions for such business;  
**Pages H6775–77**

*Recognizing the Significance of National Caribbean-American Heritage Month:* H. Con. Res. 364, to recognize the Significance of National Caribbean-American Heritage Month;  
**Pages H6777–80**

*Expressing support for the designation of National GEAR UP Day:* H. Res. 1311, to express support for the designation of National GEAR UP Day, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 385 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 513;  
**Pages H6781–83, H6794**

*Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Guard Youth Challenge Day:* H. Res. 1202, to support the goals and ideals of a National Guard Youth Challenge Day, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 388 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 514;  
**Pages H6783–84, H6795**

*Expressing support of the goals and ideals of National Carriage Driving Month:* H. Res. 1128,

to express support of the goals and ideals of National Carriage Driving Month;  
**Pages H6784–85**

*Stan Lundine Post Office Building Designation Act:* H.R. 6226, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 East 3rd Street in Jamestown, New York, as the “Stan Lundine Post Office Building”; and  
**Pages H6785–86**

*Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission Act:* H.R. 5235, amended, to establish the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission.  
**Page H6786**

*Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008:* Agreed by unanimous consent that the House insist upon its amendment to S. 294, to reauthorize Amtrak, and request a conference with the Senate thereon.  
**Pages H6788–93**

Agreed to the Heller (NV) motion to instruct conferees on the bill by voice vote.  
**Pages H6788–93**

Later, the Chair appointed the following Members of the House to the conference committee on the bill: from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of the Senate bill and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Oberstar, Corrine Brown (FL), Cummings, Capuano, Bishop (NY), Napolitano, Lipinski, Braley (IA), Arcuri, Mica, Petri, LaTourette, Brown (SC), Shuster, Mario Diaz-Balart (FL), and Westmoreland.  
**Page H6802**

From the Committee on Science and Technology, for consideration of secs. 105 and 305 of the Senate bill, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Gordon (TN), Wu, and Gingrey.  
**Page H6803**

**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

*National Energy Security Intelligence Act of 2008:* H.R. 6545, to require the Director of National Intelligence to conduct a national intelligence assessment on national security and energy security issues.  
**Pages H6796–S6801**

**Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors—Reappointment:** Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he reappointed Mr. Thomas A. Fuentes of Lake Forest, California to the Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors.  
**Page H6801**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted certification to Congress that the export to the People’s Republic of China of certain listed items is not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–135).  
**Pages H6795–96**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and a message received from the Senate today appear on pages H6736, H6741, and H6749.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 2766, S. 3298, S. 901, and S. Con. Res. 94 were held at the desk; S. 3294 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H6822**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6793, H6794, and H6795. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **ARMY MEDICAL ACTION PLAN**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on Army Medical Action Plan: Is it Working? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: GEN George W. Casey, Jr., USA, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; LTG Michael D. Rochelle, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, Headquarters, U.S. Army; LTG Robert Wilson, USA, U.S. Army Installation Management Command; MG David A. Rubenstein, USA, Deputy Surgeon General of the Army; and BG Gary H. Cheek, USA, Assistant Surgeon General, Warrior Care and Transition.

### **BUSINESS-EDUCATION SCIENCE PARTNERSHIPS**

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Held a hearing on Innovation in Education through Business and Education STEM Partnerships. Testimony was heard from Phil Mickelson, Professional Golfer; Sally Ride, first American woman in space; and public witnesses.

### **STATE'S FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "State Fiscal Relief: Protecting Health Coverage in an Economic Downturn." Testimony was heard from Robert Tannenwald, Vice President and Director, New England Public Policy Center, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

### **PROTECTING CONSUMERS THROUGH FORBEARANCE PROCEDURES ACT**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled "Issues in Telecommunications Competition," and on H.R. 3914, Protecting Consumers

through Proper Forbearance Procedures Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **CONSIDERATION OF THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5501, THE TOM LANTOS AND HENRY J. HYDE UNITED STATES GLOBAL LEADERSHIP AGAINST HIV/AIDS, TUBERCULOSIS, AND MALARIA REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2008**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a nonrecord vote, a rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 5501, the "Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008." The rule makes in order a motion by the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs to concur in the Senate amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the motion except clause 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. The rule further provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the motion to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lee and Ros-Lehtinen.

### **PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO THE HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3221, THE AMERICAN HOUSING RESCUE AND FORECLOSURE PREVENTION ACT OF 2008**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendments to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3221, the American Housing Rescue and Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2008. The rule makes in order a motion by the Chairman of the Committee on Financial Services to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment numbered one with the text of the House amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. The rule waives all points of order against the motion and provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides two hours of debate on the motion, with 80 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services and 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule provides that upon adoption of the motion specified in the first section of the rule, the House shall be considered to have receded from any